Hi Everyone,

We have had a huge week this week with our Curriculum, Learning and Teaching Audit on Monday and our annual Awards Night on Wednesday night. Teachers are in the process of preparing student report cards and these will be posted home to parents towards the end of the term. We are also in the process of reviewing our school documents such as the Prospectus and Responsible Behaviour Plan for 2013 so that every family can be kept up to date with our school expectations.

Awards Night – Congratulations to Lauren Coutts, Dux of the school for 2012. Lauren has worked consistently in all subject areas throughout the entire year and this award is well deserved for her efforts. It was wonderful to have Janee Crane as our guest speaker and I know that many of us, students, parents, guests and school staff were inspired by her speech. We celebrated a successful year for an enormous number of students receiving awards this year. While Academic Performance is a focus for many awards there are other areas of performance that we recognise each Awards Night. Congratulations to all students who received awards on Wednesday Night.

Audit Findings – Our second Curriculum, Learning and Teaching Audit was conducted on Monday and I would like to thank those parent representatives, Barb Madden, Ann Harrold and Carol Britton who volunteered their time to meet with our Auditor. In the coming weeks the Auditor will deliver his commendations and recommendations to us and these will be placed on our school website. We are very pleased with the progress we have made in our school since our first audit in 2010. Over the next couple of weeks I will be developing our Strategic Plan for the next four years.

School Website – By the end of this Term our new website will be up and running. Ms Gill has offered to build our new website over the next few weeks and we will be giving her some time off class to do this vital work. It is a much needed task and I will be very happy when our on-line school image has had a “face lift”. If you get a chance over the school holidays to visit our website you will be able to see the changes we have made. Please give us any feedback after you have check out the new site.

Enrolments for 2013 – We are presently tackling the very difficult challenge we have each year around enrolments for the coming year. Please give the girls a call in the office if your children will not be attending our school next year. In order to plan for classes and staffing in 2013 we need to have a good idea of our student numbers. It is also time to enrol for Prep. Please see the girls in the office for enrolment forms if you have a child starting Prep in 2013. A birth certificate is required when children are being enrolled in a Queensland School.

Attendance on Fridays – I cannot stress enough the importance of attending school every day. I have noticed a huge drop in the number of students attending school on Fridays. This day is just as important as any other day in the school week. Our office staff will be following up on all absences with a particular focus on those students not attending school on Friday’s.

Upcoming events – As the school year begins to draw to a close we prepare for our Year 10 Graduation. Year 10 students have been working with their teachers to plan the evening and I am sure outfits have already been chosen.....it is one event in the school year that we all really look forward to.

It has been great to catch up with so many families at our recent school events and I am delighted to see so many more families attending with their children.

Thanks for your support in making 2012 a great year.....we are going from strength to strength each year and we have some exciting times ahead as Proston begins to stand out as one of the great schools we have in our district.

Warm Regards, Ree

Our Vision for 2013: Every day, every student is learning and achieving in every classroom.

The School Rule for this Week is ‘Be Learner’
Week 4 saw 36 Proston students from years 7–10 arrive on the beaches of Moreton Island. Over three days, the students made their homes in tents and experienced all camp life had to offer, including beach sports, swimming, 4WDing on bush tracks and on the beach, fishing, a walk to the lighthouse lookout and the freshwater lake – Blue Lagoon, snorkelling around ship wrecks, building sandcastles, sand-boarding down massive dunes, cold showers, and fire roasting marshmallows.

They saw dolphins, starfish, wobbegongs (a type of shark), fish, bird life, turtles, lots of different types of jellyfish and some even saw whales. Miss Chan, Mr Fazakerley and Mr Cetinich would like to thanks students for their great behaviour. Some new friendships were developed and it was excellent to see the students have so much fun and get along so well in such a large group.
Greetings from K Block

Heavynn Skvaridlo – independent and accurate work with MAB’s. Congratulations!
Louisa Frahm – working with a partner to understand/work out re-grouping. Well Done!
Dominic Malone – independent writing and beginning to proofread.
Ruby Allen – successfully working with a partner to understand/work out re-grouping. Well Done!
Mick Gulish – focused and independent work during reading. Well Done!
Riley Dunlop – working independently and enthusiastically during reading comprehension and 20 pink sight words, 20 purple sight words and 20 aqua sight words
Daniel Roberts – 14 violet sight words, 20 pink sight words and 20 aqua sight words
Eliza Humphrey – 14 violet sight words and 20 pink sight words
Leighton Blanch – 20 purple sight words
Jai Munro – great improvement in Mad Minute Maths and 20 aqua sight words
Ellie Searies – 20 lemon sight words
Reegan Hill – 20 lime sight words and 20 lemon sight words
Kayla Wills – green sight words
Harrison Wieland – 20 purple sight words
Lachlan Wilson – working independently and enthusiastically during reading comprehension

Thank you to all the parents and pre-preppies that came to our Open morning last Thursday. It was great to see some friendly familiar faces and some friendly new faces. We look forward to getting to know everyone a little bit better next year. See you in 2013!

Last Friday we said a sad goodbye to our prac student Mr Mackie. It was great to have another person in the classroom with fresh ideas and new eyes. We wish Mr Mackie all the best in his future career as a teacher and as we waved him off, we made sure that he knew he was always welcome to come back for a visit!

K BLOCK HOTLIST

Don’t forget you can access lots of fun educational games through our hotlist. Miss Gill has added some new websites this week related to Science and Triple Zero Challenges. If you are having trouble accessing the hotlist, please email us at school and we will forward you the link. The hotlist link is http://www.kn.att.com/wired/fil/pages/listkblockkb.html

Year 3/4

Have a look at what we made! After much planning and discussion on how to create and care for our grassy heads the children have done a great job at creating individual ‘cool’ grassy heads. The challenge is now to keep caring for these so that we can start to see results! It’s now up to the children to keep up the maintenance of their grassy heads independently! Let’s see how they go!

Nadine O’Sullivan